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SUB: GHANAIAAN REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: (A) STATE 211862, B) ACCRA 5785 (C) ACCRA 5643,

1. SUMMARY. THERE HAS BEEN NO PERCEPTIBLE REACTION TO THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN GIVEN A LIMITED AMOUNT OF PRESS COVERAGE. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE INCIDENT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE GOG'S POSITION ON THE KOREAN ISSUE AT THE UPCOMING UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS HAS GIVEN SOME COVERAGE TO THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT ON ITS INTERNATIONAL NEWS PAGES, BUT HAS NOT MADE ANY EDITORIAL COMMENT ON IT. THE COVERAGE HAS NOT REFLECTED ANY PARTICULAR IDEOLOGICAL BIAS, BEING RESTRICTED TO BRIEF WIRE SERVICE STORIES THAT HAVE CITED BOTH U.S. AND DPRK STATEMENTS ON THE INCIDENT ITSELF AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO PERCEPTIBLE REACTION TO THE INCIDENT BY THE GOG. NO OFFICIALS STATEMENTS ABOUT THE INCIDENT HAVE BEEN MADE, AND EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO HAVE HAD INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH MFA OFFICIALS SINCE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED REPORT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION.

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ON GHANA'S KOREA POSITION, ALTHOUGH IT WILL REINFORCE

THE EXISTING IMPRESSION THAT THE NORTH
KOREANS ARE UNPLEASANT PEOPLE.
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